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LEAVITT, Dr. Sturgis E.

Born at Newhall, Maine, January 24, 1888.

DR. STURGIS ELLENO LEAVITT-Writer, college professor.

Born at Newhall, Maine, January 24, 1888; son of William Hooper and Mary Ellen (Sturgis)L: graduate of high school, Gorham, Maine, 1904; A.B. Bowdoin, 1908; M.A. Harvard, 1913, Ph.D, 1917; Sheldon traveling fellow, in Peru, Bolivia, Chile, Argentine and Uruguay, 1919-1920; Married Alga Webber, of Ashburnham, Massachusetts, June 29, 1916. Instructor foreign languages, Jackson (Mo,) Military Academy, 1908-09, in French, Cushing Academy, Ashburnham, Massachusetts, 1909-12; in Romance languages, Northwestern University, 1913-14, Harvard, 1915-17; assistant professor of Romance Languages, University of North Carolina, 1917-18, associate professor, 1918-21, professor Spanish since 1921. Member of Harvard Council on Hispano-American studies, Kappa Sigma; correspondence member Academia Hispano Americana de Ciencias y Artes, Cadiz, Spain. Presbyterian, Mason.

Author:

Argentine literature (bibliography), 1924.
The Estrella de Sevilla and Claramonte, 1931.
Hispano-American literature in the United States, (bibliography).
Compiler of bibliographies of Bolivian, Chilean, Colombian, Peruvian and Uruguayan literatures.

Editor:

Blasco Ibanez, Siete Cuentos, 1926
Marmol Amalia, 1926
Marquina, Flores de Aragon, 1927
Tres Cuentos Sud-Americanos, 1935
Elements of Spanish, 1935

Home:

Chapel Hill, North Carolina.

SOURCE: Who's who in America, 1936-37.

September 30, 1937

Dr. Sturgis Elleno Leavitt
Chapel Hill
North Carolina

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the Maine author collection.
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at hand and send you more
from time to time.

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Very truly yours,
Thurgis E. Leavitt

October 22, 1937

Dr. Sturgis E. Leavitt
Department of Romance Languages
The University of North Carolina
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

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Dr. Sturgis E. Leavitt
Department of Romance Languages
The University of North Carolina
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

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We acknowledge receipt of the following:

South Atlantic Bulletin, October, 1937
The status of Spanish in the South
Atlantic states
Some aspects of the grotesque in the drama
Siglo de Oro
Siete Cuentos. Ibanez

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